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Outside bodies feedback from Members

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This paper provides Members with the opportunity to **feedback** on recent meetings of outside bodies at which they have represented the Board. The Chair's reports for October and November are attached as **Appendices A and B**.

Recommendation

Members currently representing the Programme Board on outside bodies are asked to **provide any appropriate feedback** from recent meetings, details of which are enclosed.

Actions

Subject to comments from the Board, officers to take forward any suggested actions.

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Recent

Title	Date
Future of Culture, Tourism and Sport conference	22 September 2011
Chris White gave a plenary address on leading local culture, tourism and sport services in challenging times, and emphasised the importance of strong political and professional leadership at the local level.	
Herefordshire County Council's superfast broadband pilot	30 September 2011
Chris White met Roger Phillips, Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Culture, and Graham Powell, Enterprise and Culture Cabinet Support Member, to discuss Herefordshire and Gloucestershire's superfast broadband pilot.	
London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games	30 September 2011
Simon Henig and Stephen Castle met Angela Salt, Head of Nations and Regions, and Sarah Bartholomew, Government Relations Executive, to discuss progress with the Torch Relay and transport planning.	
Superfast Broadband Ministerial meeting	10 October 2011
Chris White represented councils' interests at a cross-Government ministerial discussion on broadband, drawing upon a recent visit to the Herefordshire and Gloucestershire pilot. Chris advocated the need to support councils who are developing local broadband plans, the importance of access to European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the potential impact of broadband infrastructure on roads and road maintenance budgets.	
Sport and Recreation Alliance (SRA) Parliamentary Reception	25 October 2011
Chris White attended the Sport and Recreation Alliance's (SRA) Parliamentary Reception on 25 October and has also exchanged letters with Andy Reed, SRA's Chair, on the LGA's position in relation to the disposal of playing fields.	
Sport England - new strategy and joint working	26 October 2011
Chris White met Richard Lewis, Chair of Sport England to discuss Sport England's	

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new strategy and joint working. They agreed a collective focus on strengthening local political leadership, developing and sharing new models of service delivery, exploiting the opportunities presented by the health reforms and encouraging greater connectivity locally between councils and other organisations.

VisitEngland Strategic Industry Advisory Group

26 October 2011

Chris White attended the first meeting of VisitEngland's Strategic Industry Advisory Group, which has been established to cement industry ownership and drive forward the implementation of VisitEngland's Strategic Framework for Tourism 2010-2020.

Meeting Ed Vaizey, Culture Minister

7 November 2011

Chris White said that the LGA is working with ACE to ensure that new programmes for museums and libraries continue to support councils to lead their own improvement and the sharing of new ways of working. Chris also updated the Minister on some challenges councils are facing with the roll out of superfast broadband.

Forthcoming

Title	Date	Attendees
Meeting Miranda McKearney, Chief Executive, The Reading Agency	24 November 2011	Cllr Chris White
Meeting Lady Penelope Cobham, Chair, VisitEngland	28 November 2011	Sir Merrick Cockell Cllr Chris White
Leadership Academy sport and localism	29 and 30 November 2011	Cllr Chris White Cllr Simon Henig Cllr Stephen Castle (Chair 2012 Games Task & Finish Group)
VisitEngland's Visitor Economy Forum	1 December 2011	Cllr Chris White
LGA / ACE seminar for libraries portfolio holders	6 December 2011	Cllr Chris White
Meeting Charles Allen, Chair, Nations and Regions Groups	14 December 2011	Cllr Chris White
Meeting LOCOG	17 January 2011	Cllr Simon Henig Cllr Stephen Castle

